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GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES  
TO THE HANDICAPPED

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*David J. Farr instructs Richard Booth on operation of the motorized wheelchair.*  
Photo by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

## STATE MUSEUM GIFT REPRESENTS A FIRST STEP TO MAKING THE FACILITY BARRIER-FREE TO THE HANDICAPPED

The first step toward making the William Penn Memorial Museum barrier-free to the handicapped was taken September 24, 1975 when three motorized wheelchairs and an electric wheelchair lift or elevator were placed in operation.

The approximately \$3,000 project represents a gift from the L. B. Smith Cultural Foundation, Inc., Camp Hill, to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The new equipment was formally accepted by the Commission representatives from Kenneth R. Moyer, president of the L. B. Smith Cultural Foundation, during a formal program opening Handicapped Day at the State Museum.

David J. Farr was instrumental in bringing about this new free service for the handicapped.

## DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

Various departments within the City of Allentown have been concerned with the issue of architectural barriers for the handicapped. A group of City staff from these departments have met recently to discuss better coordination of planning and activity in this area. A proposal for further action has been formulated from these meetings.

The group suggests the development of a joint staff and citizen committee. The composition of the committee would include representatives from Administration, Operations and Community Development. Key areas within these departments include Engineering, Parks, Planning and Human Services. Four citizens of the City representing non-ambulatory physically handicapped, ambulatory physically handicapped, visually handicapped and

hearing handicapped would be included.

The Architectural Barriers Committee (ABC) would have the following purposes:

1. Establish priorities for architectural barrier removal activities on the part of the City.
2. Establish review process within the City operations to prevent construction of Architectural barriers as per the Pennsylvania State Law on Architectural Barriers.
3. Increase awareness of City staff of the particular needs of the handicapped with regards to physical planning.
4. Develop alternative funding resources to increase the City's efforts of architectural barrier removal.

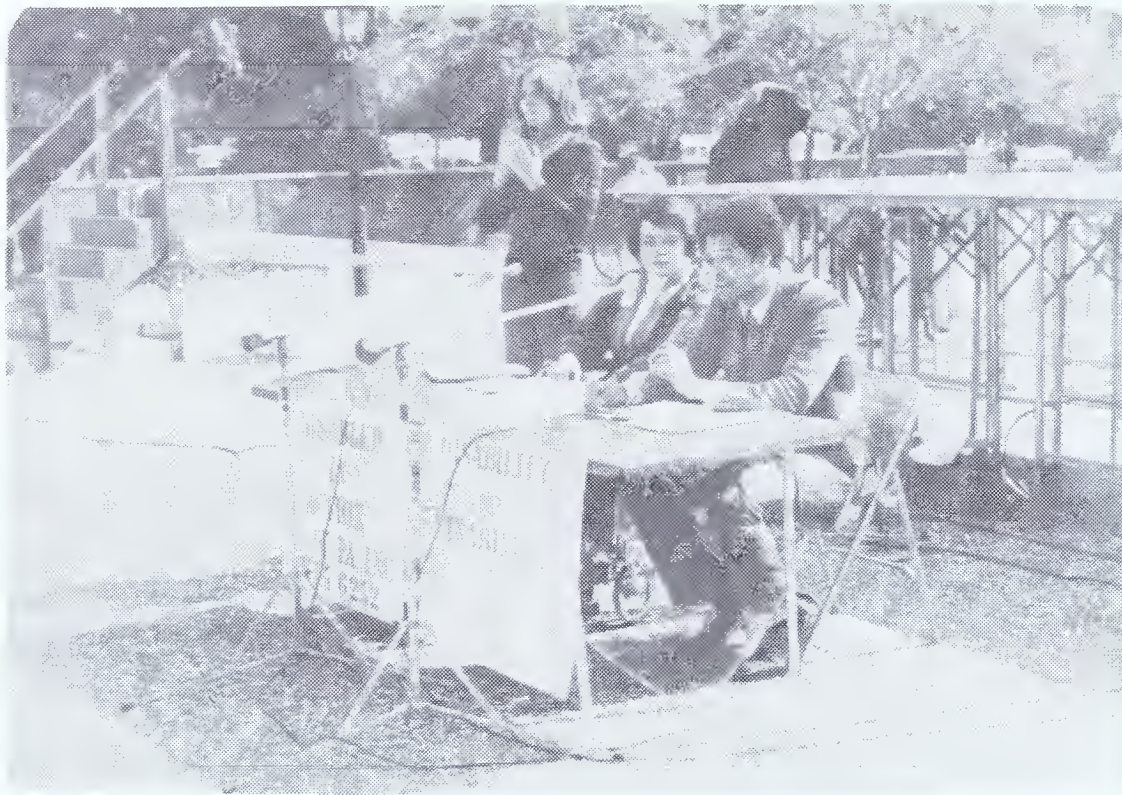
The rationale for the development of the ABC is as follows:

1. The City has made a commitment to architectural barrier removal as part of its CD Program effort.
2. There are limited resources



*Seasons Greetings*





*Homer Floyd speaking at Disabled in Action of Pennsylvania Inc.'s program of October fourth. The location is the Judge Lewis Quadrangle in Independence Mall.*

available and priorities must be established.

3. Expertise within the City is limited with regard to architectural barriers.
4. Various City departments have been involved in barrier removal efforts without knowledge of each other's activities.
5. There is an active advocacy group for barrier removal in the area — Operation Overcome.
6. There is not total agreement among handicapped advocacy groups as to the most appropriate barrier removal methods.
7. There is a sub-division and building permit review process within the City which must have knowledge of the Pennsylvania State Law to prevent construction of future architectural barriers in public accommodations.
8. There is the potential of finding alternative public and private funding resources to increase the City's efforts in barrier removal.

## ADULT HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION MONTH

Evelyn Stypula  
Edinboro State College

At the 1975 24th Annual United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania Fall Conference the Adult Handicapped Association designated May 1976 as

“Bi-Centennial Adult Handicapped Association Month.”

Mr. Rhoads Stauffer, A.H.A. Architectural Barrier Chairman and active member of Red Rose Courage Club of the U.C.P. of Lancaster affiliate will be chairman.

The purpose of A.H.A. month is to inform the general public that the developmentally disabled individuals should be and have a right to be considered part of society.

To accomplish this the 22 adult C.P. clubs that comprise the A.H.A. of Pennsylvania will be hosting fund raising projects as well as various adult programs for their general communities. If you happen to hear or see projects being planned, you would be more than welcome to participate.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

**The Deaf Population of the United States**  
by Jerome D. Schein and Marcus T. Delk.

The first detailed account of the numbers and characteristics of the deaf people of America since 1930. It includes data on size of population, family composition, education and communication, occupation, economic status, and morbidity and mortality. A most important book for all serious researchers and all professional personnel in health related fields.

Published by National Association of the Deaf, 814 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

## HANDICAPPED CONSUMERS UNITE

John H. Snyder  
Governor's Advocate for the  
Physically Handicapped

Governor Milton J. Shapp's continued dedication to the Handicapped of Pennsylvania was again demonstrated on Saturday, November 22, 1975 when a group representing more than twenty private organizations involved in serving the handicapped of the Commonwealth met with John H. Snyder, Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped at the Ember's Restaurant in Carlisle, Pa.

The all-day meeting, sponsored by the Governor's Office, was conducted for the purpose of enabling the consortium of representative organizations to exchange with one another their various methods of approach and/or implementation of programs to defeat the obstacles and eliminate the difficulties faced by the handicapped population daily.

Those attending, selected a nine member Ad-Hoc Committee that will re-convene at a later date to further develop the structure and direction the proposed council will take. Members of the ad-hoc committee are as follows: George Brenyo, Open Doors for the Handicapped, Pittsburgh, President; Sanford Alexander, Pennsylvania Federation of the Blind, Secretary; Sieglinde Shapiro, Disabled In Action of Philadelphia; Paul Reitmeir, Four Leaf Clover Club, Allentown; Evelyn Stypula, Adult Handicapped Assn., Edinboro State College; Rhodes Stauffer, Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, Lancaster; Dorothy Spurr, Project Action, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Sue Chitester, Adult Handicapped Association, Brookville, Pa.; Lloyd Groves, Pa. Rehabilitation Assn., Dillsburg, Pa.

## NEED FOR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

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September 1975

The Hospital Association of  
Pennsylvania

It has been estimated that as many as 9,800 persons in Pennsylvania who die each year of heart attacks might survive if given proper and timely emergency care. Approximately 6,000 persons die each year in Pennsylvania from injuries suffered in accidents. With appropriate emergency care, a significant number of these lives could be saved, and many more persons saved from permanent



disability from injuries due to accidents. It has been estimated that approximately 70 percent of the ambulances in the Commonwealth do not meet the minimum standards recommended by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. There is no requirements in Pennsylvania for ambulance design and essential equipment.

It is estimated that there are approximately 20,000 persons reported to be ambulance attendants. Approximately 75 percent of these persons have completed minimum training courses in first aid. Only about 5 percent have been certified as emergency medical technicians and approximately 5 percent have no training at all. There are no state training requirements for ambulance personnel.

In one urban county in Pennsylvania, there are over 50 different fire, rescue, and ambulance telephone numbers to call. Many other counties have similar situations. It has been estimated that less than 25 percent of the ambulances in Pennsylvania can communicate directly with hospital emergency departments.



*Neita Kimmel poses with Millersville State College President Mr. William H. Duncan following her presentation of painting, standing on easel, to the college last week.*

## WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE — GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON THE HANDICAPPED

Honorable Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acted upon the announcement of President Ford on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1975 of a White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals to be held in December of 1976, by assigning the Governor's Committee for the Physically Handicapped the responsibility of developing the Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals to be held between March and August next year.

A planning committee will be appointed by the Governor before the first of the year. Any inquiries concerning the Governor's Conference should be directed to John H. Snyder, Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped.

## QUADRAPLEGIC ARTIST GIVES MSC PAINTING

Neita Kimmel, a quadraplegic artist who paints with a brush held in her teeth, presented one of her original paintings as a gift to Millersville State College Friday.

Three years ago Millersville was the first college to hold a display of her works and while at MSC on Friday she delivered her first gallery talk at a college.

In presenting her gift, Miss Kimmel indicated that it was a Millersville professor who helped her basic education which eventually led to her career as a painter.

A victim of cerebral palsy, Miss Kimmel has been paralyzed from the neck down since birth. When Dr. Treon "discovered" her she was 36 years old and had never attended school. Through his efforts she began a home-bound instructional program which has continued to the present.

Now entirely self-supporting from the sale of her works, Miss Kimmel is one of only eight female mouth painters in the world and one of only four in the United States whose paintings are approved for publication by the Association of Handicapped Artists, Inc., an international association of foot and mouth artists.

In 1969 she was cited by Governor Raymond Shafer for outstanding achievement as an artist of distinction despite almost insurmountable odds.

## MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD

Jim Seguin  
BEH Project Coordinator

Family Communications and  
Special Education

Family Communications, Inc., producers of the national public television series, MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD, is in its third year of developing program content and resource materials for and about handicapped children. The three major areas of development are:

### *1. Changing attitudes of the nonhandicapped toward the handicapped*

Program content developed for the national series, MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD, includes a number of unique television segments that introduce the idea of handicaps to children. Advance program schedules are available upon request.

### *2. Materials for integrated settings; the purple adventures of Lady Elaine Fairchilde*

The "Purple Adventures" series is a story that places value on individual differences. The series considers a number of ways of being different such as age, sex and race as well as being disabled, yet without placing undue emphasis on the idea of being handicapped. This non-broadcast package comprises five half-hour video cassettes and will soon be available for distribution in schools and similar settings.

### *3. Materials for handicapped children; I am, I can, I will series*

FCI is now producing a series of video cassettes, audio cassettes, and ancillary printed material for handicapped children who are developmentally in the three to five age range. The materials will cover a number of developmental themes important to children who are handicapped. They are being designed so that children who are hearing impaired, visually impaired, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and physically handicapped can benefit from them. The intent of the materials is to assist handicapped children in developing stronger sense of self-concept, self-confidence and motivation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**December 10, 11, 12, 1975**  
Rehabilitation – Region 3  
Training Session  
University of Pittsburgh

**December 17, 1975 – 10 A.M.**  
Governor's Committee for the Physically  
Handicapped Meeting  
Room 326  
Health & Welfare Building

**January 8, 1976**  
Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society and  
Therapeutic Recreation Society Meeting  
Embers Restaurant  
Carlisle Pike, Carlisle, Pa.  
Contact: Dr. Fred Coombs  
P. O. Box 295  
State College, Pa. 16801

**January 11, 1976 – 2 P.M.**  
Central Pennsylvania Spina Bifida Association  
28 Lindon Street, Leola, Pa.  
Contact: Miss Barbara Pak  
Elizabethtown Hospital for Children & Youth  
Elizabethtown, Pa.

**January 15, 1976**  
State Task Force on Right of Education  
Meeting  
123 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17102

**January 19, 1976**  
Department of Education  
Ad Hoc Committee for Educational Planning  
for the Physically Handicapped  
123 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17102

**January 19, 20, 1976**  
United Cerebral Palsy Executive Directors  
Workshop  
Split Rock Lodge, Poconos  
Contact: United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania  
1719 N. Front Street  
Harrisburg, Pa.

**January 21, 1976 – 10 A.M.**  
Governor's Committee for the Physically  
Handicapped Meeting  
Room 326  
Health & Welfare Building

**February 4, 8, 1976**  
American Physical Therapy Association  
Coordinated Section Meeting  
Washington, D.C.  
Contact: APTA  
1156 15th Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

**February 19, 1976**  
State Task Force on Right to Education  
Meeting  
Chester County Child Development Center  
Coatesville, Pa.

**March 26, 27, 28, 1976**  
United Cerebral Palsy 1976 Annual Conference  
Pittsburgh Hilton  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
National committees scheduled to meet in  
connection with the conference, such as  
Finance Committee, will meet the preceding  
day, Thursday, March 25th.

**December 1976**  
White House Conference on Handicapped  
Individuals  
Washington, D.C.

## NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONER

*The Governor's Committee for the Physically  
Handicapped would like to take this space to  
welcome the new Basic Education  
Commissioner to the Commonwealth's team  
serving the physically handicapped.*

**Frank S. Manchester**, superintendent  
of the Radnor Township schools,  
became the new state Commissioner of  
Basic Education September 15.

He was assistant to the superintendent  
for instruction in suburban Radnor  
Township for four years before he  
became superintendent in 1969. He has  
worked closely with parochial and  
independent schools of Lower Merion,  
Haverford and Radnor townships and he  
has helped develop cooperative projects  
with the Philadelphia School District,  
including an alternative high schools  
project and an Interaction School.

Manchester, a native of North  
Attleboro, Mass., taught in Massachusetts  
and Connecticut and was a humanities  
consultant for five years for the Flint,  
Mich. schools. He participated in a  
Harvard field study of racial balance in  
Englewood, N.J., and was on a citizens'  
ad hoc committee studying sexism in the  
Radnor schools.

A Marine Corps veteran, Manchester  
co-authored a basic spelling series, wrote  
the first Harvard-prepared paper on  
vocational education, participated in a  
study of vocational education in  
Massachusetts and developed a model  
humanities program in the Radnor Middle  
School in 1970-71.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

In response to our request that you let  
us know how we are doing, we have  
received letters concerning the value of  
this newsletter, but we have also received  
letters applauding concepts expressed in  
some of the specific articles published in  
**THE GRAND STAND**. This publication  
does not subscribe to any particular  
concepts in the various articles, but does  
promote the concept of idea sharing.

If you have comments either pro or  
con concerning specific concepts or  
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